

HOCKERILL NEWS

Equipe News

It is my very great pleasure to announce that the following students have been appointed as Heads of Equipe. They will work as a team to lead their Equipe, deliver assemblies, and organise events over the next year.

- Head of Bader Ginsburg **Jess Dixon**, Deputy Head of Bader Ginsburg **Roisin Overend**
- Head of Mandela **Abbie Younger**, Deputy Head of Mandela **Natalia Asemota Lopez**
- Head of Seacole **Callum Abouharb**, Deputy Head of Seacole **Olivia Glover**
- Head of Turing **Charity Rymer**, Deputy Head of Turing **Sofia Martinelli**

I would also like to thank the previous Heads of Equipe and the excellent work they did at the start of this new era of the Equipe system. Well done and good luck in your final few weeks in College!

Mr G Dinwiddy
Head of Equipes

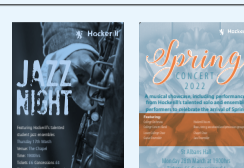
IMPORTANT DATES

- Tuesday 15th March**
Year 9 Student Parent Teacher evening
- Wednesday 16th March**
Boarding Parent Forum
- Saturday 19th March**
Year 9 Options morning
- Contact us:**
General communications to:
admin@hockerill.com
- Absence communications to:**
absence@hockerill.com

Jazz Night and Spring Concert

Tickets for the Jazz Night and Spring Concert can be purchased with cash from Reception from **Monday 14th March** at break or lunchtime.

Boarders can purchase tickets by emailing Mrs Lindley at lindleyj@hockerill.com



Design Technology

Many congratulations to **Alexis Beaumont** in **Year 11**, who has beat hundreds of candidates in passing the 2-hour aptitude test to make it through to the final interview stage in her pursuit of a prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarship. Alexis will find if she has been successful in a few weeks. We wish her lots of luck.

Mr A Russell

YEAR 9

Year 9 Options

Parents of Year 9 students are invited to 'attend' our remote Options Presentation at 1100hrs on Saturday 19th March.

Full details will be sent to Year 9 parents on Monday 14th March.

There will be a presentation to students during the morning assembly on Thursday 17th March and therefore students will not be expected to join the online Options Presentation to parents.

Please [click on the link here](#) to watch the Option videos

Mr A Mackenzie & Mrs A Geissler

YEAR 12

University Applications - information for Year 12 parents

As you know Year 12 are going to the UCAS Exhibition at Excel on **Tuesday 15th** and for those parents who haven't gone through the process it can be as daunting as it is for the students. The UCAS website has a wealth of information for parents about how it works, what students should be doing when and how parents can support with that, which can be [found here](#).

In College we have already spoken to the Year Group about things to consider when making an application and encouraged them to do some preparation before Tuesday. Universities are running virtual open days but hopefully there will also be in person events running in the Summer Term and students should think about signing up for them (they can have 2 authorised days absent from College).

We will publish deadlines for writing personal statements (which students will also receive guidance about), completing forms and selecting referees in Summer Term. If any students or parents would like to discuss anything about the process at this stage, then please do get in touch with me via winshipa@hockerill.com

Lastly, university is by no means the only or always the best option for a student and if they would like support looking at alternatives such as degree apprenticeship both I and our Hertfordshire SfYP Careers Advisors would be delighted to help.

Head of Year presentation

We are aware that some parents missed the Head of Year presentation by Mr Kaufman so he has made a video with the same content to bring you up to speed. Please [click here](#) to view the presentation.

YEAR 13

Graduation Ceremony

A graduation ceremony for Year 13 students will take place on Saturday 23rd April. Each student may bring **up to two guests**. Due to extremely limited space, we are unable to offer any more than 2 tickets per family. To ensure we have accurate numbers, please complete the form enclosed in [this letter](#) by **5pm on Sunday 20th March**.

IBDP Examinations

Please find a useful Information booklet for parents and students [here](#).

BOARDING NEWS

Last Saturday the Junior Boarders gathered for a mixed team quiz in the Refectory, for the exciting prize of Maltesers and the even more exciting prize of Amazon vouchers! They enjoyed the competition and showed a remarkably good range of general knowledge, although they failed to notice that semi skimmed milk is white and not green! On Sunday we visited a high-ropes course next to the Secret Nuclear Bunker near Ongar. They all had a wonderful time and had fun on the zip-wire despite the cold!

Mr G Dinwiddy
Deputy Head of Canterbury



MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental, Vocal and Theory Lesson Notice Deadlines

We hope that your children enjoy and look forward to their music lessons. If for any reason they are not, please get in touch to enable us to address the situation.

Please be aware that if you would like to stop lessons at any point, you must let us know in writing. The table below gives the notice deadlines for the rest of this year:

Want to Stop Lessons at:	Deadline to let us know by:
Summer - end of first half of term 2022 (May)	Friday 18 March 2022
End of Academic Year 2022 (July)	Friday 20 May 2022

It is important for us to have these deadlines, giving our peripatetic staff sufficient notice to find a replacement student. It also minimises disruption for timetabling and the Finance Department.

Please contact us at musicadmin@hockerill.com if you have any queries.

Mr O Bond
Director of Music

CAREERS NEWS

National Careers Week

To coincide with National Careers Week 2022, Michelle Donelan, Minister of State for Further and Higher Education, has written to students and parents about the education, training and work choices available to young people after they finish their GCSEs and once they turn 18. Please find links to the letters below.

[Letter to students](#)

[Letter to parents](#)



WELLBEING NEWS

Herts Mind Network – Young People's Helpline

The following link will give further details on the [Young People's Helpline](#)

Their friendly team are able to listen and provide information and advice, as well as signposting into community resources. Parents can also call regarding their child's mental health and/or for advice about how to talk to their child about mental health.



Aspects Family Support Team

Aspects would like to offer parents the opportunity to attend this lite bite session, [The Teen Zone](#)

This webinar will focus on areas relevant to parenting a teenager, including development of the teen brain and more.

Following on from this, parents will also be invited to attend a more in-depth series of workshops which will commence after Easter.



HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Annual General Meeting

We will be holding our AGM on Thursday 24th March at Hockerill College (Room UC1/2), 8.00-9.00 pm.

We have lots to discuss, including the election of new positions and plans for future fundraising events, and it would be great to see as many faces as possible.

As a Hockerill parent, you are automatically a member of HPF, so your input in what we do for the benefit of the school and students is always welcome.

We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, suggestions or feedback, please contact hpf@hockerill.com



HPF '250 Club' Grant - another £2000 giveaway!

We are now opening up our next round of grants to the Hockerill community - students, teachers, groups and individuals. Once again, we have £2000 to award to deserving projects at school. These can be anything: equipment for a club you attend, money to start up a new initiative or something completely different!

To apply, you need to:

Discuss your application with the most appropriate teacher, who will help you with the process. If you're unsure which teacher to approach, talk to your form tutor or to Mrs Mackenzie, who has kindly offered to help.

Fill in a form - these are available from the school office or by emailing hpf@hockerill.com. If you'd like to see a past example for guidance on how to approach this, please email us at the same address.

Hand your completed form back into the office or take a photo and email it to us at hpf@hockerill.com.

The deadline for applications is **31st May 2022**

We're really looking forward to seeing your ideas. Remember - no project is too small or too big and all ideas will be considered.

The HPF Committee



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 9 Student Parent Teacher evening	Tuesday 15th March
Jazz Night	Thursday 17th March
Year 9 Options morning	Saturday 19th March
Spring Concert	Monday 28th March